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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Bishop, et al.
Serial No.: 10/695,517
Filed: 10/28/2003

Confirmation No.: 5391
Group Art Unit: 1743
Examiner: Levkovich, Natalia A.

For: SEALER FOR TEST SAMPLE DEVICES

July 12, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following for filing in the above-referenced application:

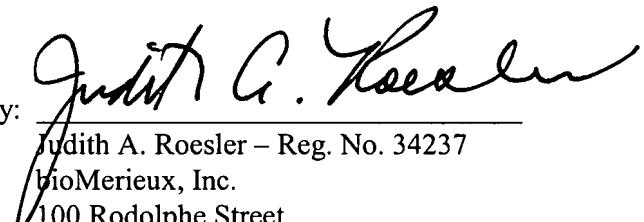
- (1) Transmittal
- (2) Reply to Restriction Requirement
- (3) Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

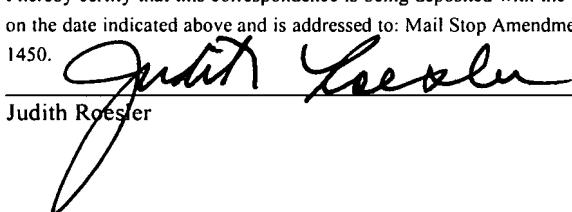
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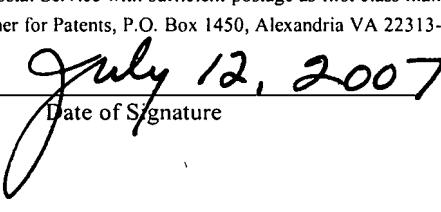

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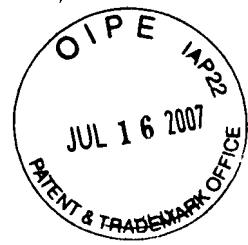
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide this Reply to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007.

Per the Office Action, a restriction requirement of one of the following groups of claims has been required:

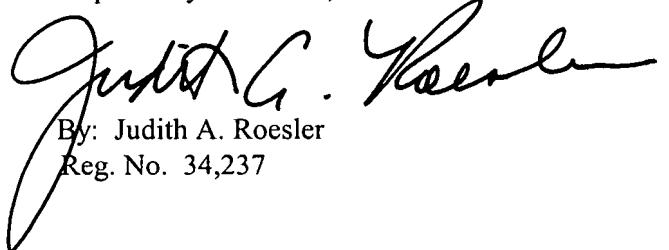
- Group I: Claims 1-4 and 10, drawn to a sealing device comprising an enclosure with moving shield, a cutter and a motor, classified in class 422, subclass 99.
- Group II: Claims 5-9 and 11-12, drawn to a sealing device comprising a cutter and a motor, classified in class 407, subclass 20.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse **Group I**, claims 1-4 and 10.

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Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in response to the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,


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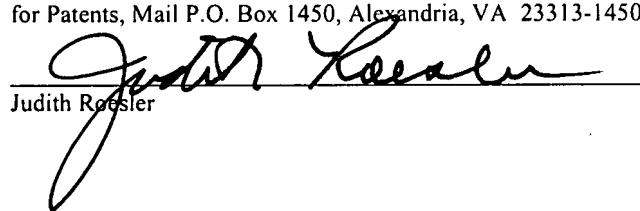
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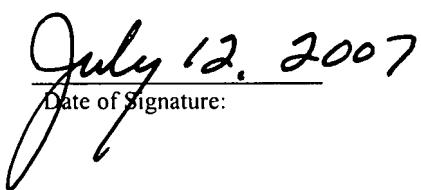
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